

The Toni Times

From the Desk of Councilmember Toni Atkins



November 2006

COMMISSION ON GANG PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION

Recently, I joined Mayor Jerry Sanders, Council President Pro Tem Anthony Young and Councilmember Brian Maienschein to welcome the members of the City of San Diego's new Gang Commission on Prevention and Intervention. The new commission will go a long way in improving lives by reducing gang crime and keeping our young people out of this self-destructive lifestyle.

I especially thank Council President Pro Tem Young for acting on his vision that, even while we must continue enforcement activities with respect to gang-related crimes and violence, the ultimate solution to this persistent and difficult problem is to head it off at the pass by addressing the root causes of why young people join gangs in the first place.

Many areas of the City have gang-related problems, but, as perhaps the most diverse district in the city, the Third Council District's gang activity unfortunately reflects that diversity. In Council District 3, African Americans, Latinos, Caucasians, Asians, Pacific Islanders, Africans, and many others live side by side. For the most part, our neighborhoods serve as melting pots where one can hear many different accents and languages, smell cooking from around the world,

shop in stores that are often like international bazaars, and see people living together in harmony, despite their superficial differences.

Unfortunately, however, many of our young people see this diversity as reason for turf wars. Most of us know that young people turn to gangs for a sense of belonging in a world that often seems indifferent—or worse, hostile—to them. In a gang, you know who you can count on and your enemy is easy to identify—it is anyone outside the gang. Many, many gangs are exclusive to one race or ethnicity, so the focus is on what divides us, not what brings us together.



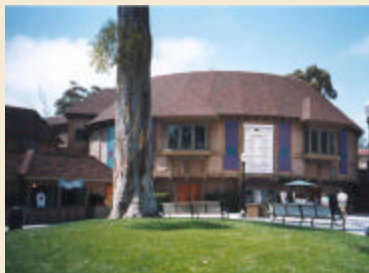
I am very excited about the work that lies ahead for the Gang Commission. The varied backgrounds of the Commission members will ensure that many viewpoints are incorporated into the commission's deliberations. I believe the Commission's work will bring peace and safety to our neighborhoods and hope to our young people.

ROOF REPLACEMENTS WILL PROTECT CULTURAL RESOURCES

Three of San Diego's most important cultural institutions in Balboa Park will soon receive much needed repairs to help ensure the buildings and their contents are protected and preserved. The San Diego Museum of Art, Old Globe Theater, and Museum of Man will each get a new roof next year through a \$1,430,000 allocation secured from the City's Capital Improvement Program. The allocation is part of a recent decision to replace roofs on City buildings that house cultural institutions and libraries through its \$2.8 million addition to the CIP fund. Other buildings scheduled for new roofs next year are the Malcolm X Library and the main downtown library.



Museum of Art



Old Globe Theater



Museum of Man

COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE UPDATE

Report from the Chair

In October, the Council's Budget Committee had its first opportunity to review budget-versus-actual numbers for the first quarter of fiscal year 2007, which began on July 1.

This year, the Council adopted a more disciplined budget that calls for quarterly adjustments where spending is over or under-budget. Previously, the city manager had made administrative adjustments during the year and then brought the changes to Council in June for year-end reconciliation. This often resulted in massive budgetary shifts at the end of the year. In good years, it meant that any surplus was eaten up by spending that went over budget. In bad years, it meant severe cuts to make the budget balance.

Now, exceptions to budgeted line items will be carefully monitored on a monthly basis and addressed as soon as a problem is apparent. In addition, this year, the city's budget introduced a vacancy factor that subtracts a percentage from each department's budget based on expected staff vacancies during the year. Because this is the first time that we've used this budgeting tool, we expect that small modifications may be needed.

The Budget Committee learned that the fiscal year 2007 budget is on-track. Some revenues are even coming in just over forecast,

while many departments are slightly under budget on their personnel expense due to lags in hiring new staff. There are a few departments that may need their spending adjusted, but the Budget Committee decided to wait on any action until the end of the second quarter, when we have three months' more data. That mid-year adjustment, when it occurs in January or February, will give us a much stronger idea of how the year is progressing.

In November, the city will begin to do longer-range financial planning with the Mayor's unveiling of his five-year budget. This long-term view will enable us to examine trends in revenues and spending, and see what changes may be on the horizon. This review will also take into account expected bond offerings, as well as the pension paydown plan through fiscal year 2012.

Use of this important fiscal planning tool is a big step forward in the continued improvement of our city's financial planning and budgeting function. It won't make the hard decisions for us, but it will enable us to see honestly and clearly the paths that lie in front of us.



CLEAN WATER REPORT CARD: GRADE 'A'

For the third consecutive year, I am pleased to have received an 'A' grade from the San Diego CoastKeeper in their annual Clean Water Report Card. The grade was based on a review of 23 different votes taken by the City Council from October, 2005 through September, 2006 on issues impacting the health of local waters and coastal habitat. The votes considered included land-use decisions that impact urban runoff pollution, enhancement projects, sewage and water treatment projects, habitat protection and funding allocation for coastal protection. The City received an overall 'B' grade.

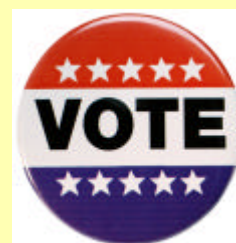
San Diego's water quality is important to me and remains high on my list of priorities. I am proud to have supported efforts that have resulted in direct water quality improvements through dramatic reductions in sewer spills and beach closure events. Additionally, I am honored to serve as a member of the San Diego River Conservancy, whose mission is to protect and enhance the San Diego River and its watershed.

I am also dedicated to developing city-wide policies to protect and enhance San Diego's urban canyons, which are on the front-lines for filtering urban runoff. Additionally, I am working with the North Park Redevelopment Agency to acquire a parking lot behind the North Park Theatre and transform it into public park space. This will have a positive impact on water quality as it will replace a non-

permeable surface (parking lot) with a permeable surface (park), which will reduce and filter storm water runoff, and therefore contribute to enhanced water quality. Finally, it has been my pleasure to support numerous smart-growth urban infill developments throughout the city, which help to meet our city's housing needs and revitalize older urban neighborhoods while reducing the tendency toward urban sprawl.

The encouragement of the Coastkeeper and other environmental advocates on these and other water quality goals has been invaluable to me. I look forward to continuing these efforts throughout the remainder of my term.

**REMINDER:
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2006
IS ELECTION DAY**



DECEMBER 2nd: JOIN ME AT THE TOYLAND PARADE!

I am pleased to announce that I will serve as Grand Marshall for this year's Toyland Parade on Saturday, December 2, at 11 a.m. The parade, one of the oldest in the state, kicks off the winter holiday season each year in the North Park community of San Diego, where the parade winds through the historic business district.

Winter holidays in San Diego wouldn't be the same without the Toyland Parade and its 40-plus year history speaks to the strength of North Park's community spirit.

I always look forward to attending, but actually being part of the parade this year will be a real honor and lots of fun.

The Toyland Parade takes its name from its original floats, which depicted toys. Participants this year will include school

bands, dance groups and drill teams, community youth groups, beauty queens, and, of course, Santa Claus. The parade is sponsored by the North Park Lions, the North Park Community Association, and North Park Main Street.



I was able to secure \$8,580 in hotel tax funding for the parade this year. Other financial supporters thus far include San Diego National Bank, the El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement District, Starbucks, and Walgreens.

Parade organizers are looking for additional financial support, as well as volunteers for a wide range of tasks. Anyone interested in helping can call Monica Pelaez in my office at 236-6633.

ADDITIONAL LIGHTING AT THE NORTH PARK COMMUNITY PARK

I am pleased to announce that construction to install long awaited additional lighting in the North Park community park is slated to begin soon. The North Park Community Security Lighting and Ball Field Lighting project includes adding approximately 15 new security lighting fixtures to the site, as well as upgrading the 17 existing security lighting fixtures to increase night lighting on the site.

The \$538,550.00 North Park Community Security Lighting and Ball Field Lighting project has been bid out through Contracts Processing. The City currently has selected a contractor, Ace Electric, Inc., for the job, based on the low bid, and has completed contract negotiations with them for the work.

The pre-construction meeting with the Ace Electric, Inc. will take place on October 31, 2006. Construction should begin within one week after this date. The construction contract is 66 working days (3 months). So, construction, depending on rain or any other delay, should be complete in February 2007.

Once installed, the lighting is expected to improve security as well as get additional use out of the ball field.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION'S NEWLY ELECTED BOARD

At the University Heights Community Association's October meeting a new board was elected. Greg Sorini was elected as the new Board President. Greg was the former Secretary. Marie Long was elected as the Board's Vice President. Brent Orlesky was re-elected at the Board's Treasurer and Marcia Sorini was elected as the Board's new Secretary. I'd like to congratulate the aforementioned people on their new seats! I look forward to working with you toward the betterment of University Heights!

I would also like to thank outgoing Board President Candace Bremond and outgoing Vice President Beth Jaworski for all of their time and effort in working with the community and various government departments on behalf of University Heights. You all have done a wonderful service and I can't thank you enough!



PERSONAL PROTECTION

The following are tips that can help you avoid becoming a victim of a crime when you are out and about or working at your job. By taking a few simple precautions, you can reduce the risk to yourself and also discourage those who commit crimes. Burglars, robbers, and thieves seek primarily to remove cash or property. Many such intruders are capable of harming people with little provocation; so whether at work, at home, or out on the street, these precautions should be taken.

AT HOME

- Always leave your headlights on when arriving home after dark until you have unlocked the garage door or unlocked the front door.
- When arriving home by private auto or taxi, ask the driver to wait until you are safely inside.
- Have the door key in your hand so you can open the door immediately when you return home.
- When moving into a new apartment or residence, ALWAYS have the locks re-keyed, or changed.
- Know who is at your door before opening it. Wide angle door viewers (180 degrees or 190 degrees) enable you to identify the visitor. You can see the person; that person can't see you.
- Never rely on chain locks. They are a privacy lock, but not a security lock.
- Never dress in front of windows; always close your drapes.
- Never let anyone into your home without proper identification. Don't be afraid to ask for identification.
- Never let strangers into your home to use the telephone. Make the call for them while they wait outside.
- Always leave outside lights on after dark or use motion lights.
- If you receive a wrong number phone call, don't give out your name or phone number.
- If you receive an obscene phone call, hang up and call police.
- In an apartment building, never be alone in the laundry room.
- If you suspect anyone is in your house, do not go in. Go to a neighbor and call the police.



ENGAGING COMMUNITIES TO HELP FIGHT CRIME

According to the latest statistics provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), violent crime in San Diego dropped slightly last year, but property crime has increased. Nationally, violent crime rose 2.3 percent last year, the first increase since 2001. Last year in San Diego, there were 6,603 violent crimes – murders, rapes, robberies and aggravated assaults. In 2004, there were 6,774 violent offenses.

There were 46,213 property crimes in 2005, and 45,443 in 2004.

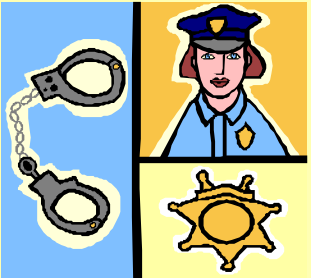
Between January and August of this year, violent crime in San Diego dropped 2.2 percent, from 4,395 offenses to 4,297, according to police department data. Property crime dropped 3 percent during the same period, from 31,156 offenses to 30,225.

We can attribute a lot of the success to community-based crime fighting—which not only lowers crime rates and betters community relations, but, overall, enhances business development opportunities and quality of life. Community-based crime fighting is necessarily rooted in a very local foundation, but its potential impact is boundless.

The connection between the police and the community in making San Diego a safer, more livable city, is essential with this community-based approach. In order to provide the best possible service, police officers will need your assistance in “helping them help you.” I encourage you to use the tips and resources provided on this page and learn how to protect yourself and your property, request assistance and services, and report crimes.

To see the full FBI crime report, go to: www.fbi.gov/ucr/05cius/

To view San Diego Police Department crime statistics, go to: www.sandiego.gov/police/stats/



MINIMIZING YOUR CHANCES OF BECOMING THE VICTIM OF AUTO THEFT

Taking precautionary measures can minimize your chances of becoming the victim of auto theft. In the United States a vehicle is stolen an average of every 21 minutes. Not only does auto theft cost the victim time and money, but it also costs society because it drives insurance premiums up and many times stolen vehicles are used to commit other crimes. Car thefts seem to occur with greater frequency where large groups of cars are parked for extended periods of time in places such as shopping centers, colleges, sporting events, movie complexes, and large apartment complexes. Car thefts can occur anytime -- at random on different days of the week and times of the day, depending on the locations.

- Below are some tips you can use to avoid being the victim of a car thief:
- Never leave your car running unattended, even to dash into a business, store, etc.;
 - Never leave any keys in the car or ignition, inside a locked garage, or in hide-a-key boxes;
 - Always roll up your windows and lock the car, even if it is parked in front of your home;
 - Never leave valuables in plain view, even if your car is locked. Put them in the trunk out of sight;
 - Always park in high-traffic, well-lighted areas, when possible;
 - Install a mechanical device that locks the steering wheel, column, or brakes. These devices will deter some criminals;
 - Investigate the purchase of a vehicle theft tracking/security system, especially if you own one of the frequently stolen model vehicles;
 - Never leave personal identification documents, vehicle ownership title, or credit cards in your vehicle;
 - If you must leave your key with a valet, attendant, or mechanic leave only the ignition key.
 - In high theft areas the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) should be etched on windows, doors, fenders and trunk lid. This makes it difficult for a thief to market your stolen car parts.
 - Copy your license plate and vehicle information (VIN) numbers on a card and keep them with you. If your vehicle is stolen, the police will need this information to take a report; and,
 - If your vehicle is stolen, report it to the police immediately.



AT PLACES OF BUSINESS

Opening the business: Have two employees together meet and unlock the business. One should stay outside, while the other checks the interior. After clearing, both may enter.

Closing the Business: Employees should accompany each other to their vehicles— especially at night. If this is not possible, perhaps a security guard for the shopping center can escort the last employee to his/her car.

Bank Deposits: Making bank deposits alone can be dangerous. Employees making deposits should always go in pairs. If you are alone, vary deposit times and carry the deposit inside a purse or a plain bag. Do not use a bank bag or a bag with a name on it. Never make deposits after closing, as this is an obvious for hold-ups.

Taking out the trash: Doing this in pairs is much safer, both for the employees and the business.

Panic buttons: Install panic buttons at the front counter. Make sure there are phones near both front and rear entrances.

Controlling Access: This enhances personal security. Keep secondary exits locked. Limit access to secondary exits by non-employees by having doors alarmed and labeled “EMERGENCY EXIT ONLY” or limit access to the area around the door.



Keep Restrooms Locked: Be in control of access to restrooms, storage areas, etc. This prevents assailants from hiding in waiting and “breakouts.”

ID Badges for Access Control: They are only as good as the enforcement of the policy.

Visibility: This increases safety. Keep parking and walking areas well lit and keep the area around the building clear of debris. Stacks of boxes and pallets can be hiding places for assailants. Install mirrors or closed circuit TV in rooms with blind corners and in enclosed parking facilities.

RIDING THE BUS OR TROLLEY

- During off hours, ride as near the operator as possible.
- If you are going to be out late, make sure you have cab fare.
- If someone on the bus bothers you, change seats and tell the operator.
- Have your fare or pass ready in hand when boarding the bus.
- At night avoid dark and isolated intersections or stops.
- Look around when getting off the bus or trolley and be aware of people around you.

CITY OF SAN DIEGO UNDERGROUNDING PROGRAM -- CALL FOR ACTION

The City has embarked on a proactive program to underground utility wires throughout the City of San Diego. In 2002, the City Council renegotiated its 50-year franchise agreement with San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E) to include a surcharge dedicated only to undergrounding. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) approved the surcharge and program in December 2002 and I'm pleased to report that the City has utilized these funds to begin undergrounding projects throughout the City.

During the formation of the City's undergrounding program, we experienced difficulty in getting AT&T (formerly SBC) to participate in the program. As the City proceeded with its undergrounding projects, many phone wires remained overhead, while everything else was placed underground. You may have seen these telephone wires, some on sawed-off poles, that were left behind on completed undergrounding projects.

Now AT&T is awaiting for CPUC approval (Application No. A.05-03-005) for an application it has filed in March 2005 requesting a monthly surcharge that would pay for the undergrounding of these telephone wires. The surcharge, which AT&T estimates to be about 94-cents per residential phone line, would assist in the undergrounding of these phone lines and for future projects as well.

Staff has just informed me that this item is anticipated to be heard by the CPUC on their November 30th agenda. Now more than ever, I urge that residents and business owners send a quick letter to the CPUC expressing their support for this program. The CPUC has received letters of opposition, so if you want to see these remaining lines placed underground, then you need to weigh in on the program.

Sample language for the letter could include the following:

The purpose of my letter is requesting your strong support for an undergrounding surcharge (Application No. A.05-03-005) submitted by AT&T. In 2002, the CPUC approved an undergrounding surcharge with San Diego Gas and Electric which has resulted in the start of millions of dollars of undergrounding projects throughout the City. Unfortunately, AT&T did not participate, leaving its wires in place, as all others were placed underground.

As a resident of the City of San Diego, I respectfully request your support of the Application No. A05-03-005 submitted by AT&T to complete existing undergrounding projects in the City of San Diego and to allow AT&T to participate in future projects. Undergrounding will improve the appearance and service delivery and will go a long way toward restoring our older urban neighborhoods and improve the quality of life in the City.

Letters should be mailed to:

CPUC Public Advisor
505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2103
San Francisco, CA 94102

For more information regarding the AT&T issue, or to send an e-mail to the CPUC, you may click on the City's Undergrounding Program's web page at <http://www.sandiego.gov/undergrounding/overview/sbc.shtml>

KENSINGTON-TALMADGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Recently, I had the pleasure of speaking at the Kensington-Talmadge Community Association meeting. The group meets every third Wednesday at 6:30pm at the Kensington Community Church on Marlborough Drive. The Chair, Harold Koenig, was gracious enough to allow me to speak for the bulk of the meeting. I was asked to speak on the financial state of the City, the relocation of the airport, and the Chargers. The community was most interested in the financial state of the City and rightly so. We had the chance to exchange questions and answers and I felt it was a very productive meeting. One topic in particular, I'd like to encourage you to contact my office about is your feelings on the Chargers. I get e-mails and phone calls from many people in El Cajon and La Mesa, but hardly ever any from the City of San Diego, let alone Council District Three residents. I urge you to contact my office at (619) 236-6633 or at ToniAtkins@SanDiego.gov and let me know how you feel about the Chargers.

GREATER GOLDEN HILL COMMUNITY PLANNING EVENT

On Saturday, October 21, 2006, the Greater Golden Hill Community Development Corporation (CDC) held its second in a series of four community planning events. The focus of the series is to create an engaged community who is educated on current land use issues that affect the neighborhood. The premise is that an engaged, educated, community is in a much better position to cultivate solutions to issues that may arise that affect quality of life. Councilmember Ben Hueso and I were there to welcome the attendees. The first community planning event took place in March of 2006 and drew 150 participants who developed a Revitalization Action Plan that is a living plan for the partnership between the community and the CDC to implement. The second planning event discussed in depth serious issues such as crime and safety, historical preservation, housing and affordable housing, open space, and the revitalization of 25th Street. Hope to see you at the next planning event!

Protect Yourself! Protect your community!

More than 36,000 people in the U.S.
die each year from flu and its complications.

Fight the flu!



Get a flu shot!

*Flu vaccine is recommended every year beginning
in October or November, especially for:*

- People 50 years of age or older - even if healthy
- Children 6 months to under 5 years of age - even if healthy
- Household contacts and people who take care of children under 5 years of age
- Women who will be pregnant during the flu season
- People with chronic disease (heart disease, lung disease, asthma, cancer, diabetes, kidney or immune system disorders)
- Residents of nursing homes or other chronic care facilities
- Family members, physicians, nurses or anyone else coming in close contact with people at risk of serious influenza

The nasal spray flu vaccine is available for:

- Healthy 5 - 49 year olds (except pregnant women)

For more information, ask your health care provider.

*For flu vaccine locations in
San Diego County, contact:*

1-877-FLU-0202(toll free)

www.sdchip.org

CHIP Community Health Improvement Partners

MONTHLY FORUMS COMING TO MID-CITY

In an effort to outreach and fight crime in the neighboring communities of Mid-City, the San Diego Police Department will be holding monthly Mid-City Police Forums. This is an opportunity for residents to gather and share concerns about crime and police related issues in their neighborhood.



The monthly forums will be held at 6:30pm on the first Wednesday of each month, beginning on December 6th.

MID-CITY POLICE ADVISORY BOARD COMMUNITY MEETING 1st Wednesday of every month

FIRST MEETING: December 6, 2006

LOCATION: Metro Career Center,
3910 University Ave.

TIME: 6:30-8:00 p.m.

WHO: For communities west of Euclid Avenue (Normal Heights, Adams North, Kensington, Corridor, Teralta West, Castle, Azalea Park, Hollywood Park, Swan Canyon, Bayridge, Fairmount Village and Cherokee Point)

Meeting information for communities east of Euclid Avenue is forthcoming.



CITY HEIGHTS WALKS TO SCHOOL...SAFELY

On October 4th, I had the pleasure of joining thousands of City Heights students and parents for National Walk to School Day. Several City Heights elementary schools participated including Central, Marshall, Edison, Ibarra, Horton, Adams, Hamilton, Cherokee Point, and Euclid. Each school had activities during the week under the theme of “Slow Down! City Heights Walks to School”. The City Heights Community Development Corporation, in partnership with the San Diego Unified School District, Rady Children’s Hospital, City of San Diego’s Traffic Engineering Department, Blue Cross of California, the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), San Diego Police Department, Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol, FedEx and Council Districts Three and Seven organized a safe, healthy and successful day for residents in City Heights.



UPTOWN COMMUNITY PLAN ISSUES WORKSHOP

I wanted to thank the over 100 community members who attended the Saturday, October 14th Uptown Community Plan Issues Workshop in Balboa Park. Both Councilmembers Faulconer and I were there to listen to a variety of issues related to land use in the Uptown area from a diverse cross section of the community that included residents, business and commercial property owners, developers and people from other planning areas. Issues of concern included interest in updating the Uptown Community Plan, historic preservation, density and building height concerns, community character, traffic and mobility concerns, and need for more public facilities were some of the concerns expressed in both public testimony and written comments. Joining us to listen to the community were representatives from the Mayor’s office and various city departments/Mayor’s office such as Planning, Facilities Financing, Development Services and Community Investment.

A special thanks to Uptown Planners and Leo Wilson, Chair, for co-sponsoring the meeting. I also wanted to again thank the community for their participation and the Mayor’s staff for recording the comments, which they have compiled and are reviewing. Both Councilmember Faulconer and I will also review all the comments and work with Uptown Planners to come up with next steps.

4th ANNUAL NORTH PARK RENAISSANCE AWARDS

I wanted to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the winners of the 4th Annual North Park Renaissance awards. The Renaissance awards honor community members for their efforts to enhance their neighborhood. October 14th marked the fourth year the North Park Community Association has acknowledged members of the community who have made incredible aesthetic improvements to their home, landscaping, building or business. The celebration took place at San Diego’s largest monthly art event—*Ray at Night*. This year, community members were honored based on the following seven categories of Renaissance awards, which included: Best Landscaping, Best Residential Improvement, Best Commercial Improvement, Best Historic Improvement, Best Restaurant or Retail Improvement, and Best Overall Community Enhancement. Again, congratulations to all of the winners.

Thank you for your outstanding contributions to the North Park community.

REMINDER: HILLCREST SUPER CLEAN-UP

Join me and the Hillcrest Clean TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More) for a clean up Hillcrest. We meet at 9:45am under the Hillcrest sign at 5th and University Avenue on Sunday, November 5th. I will be presenting a commendation to recognize the first anniversary of this all-volunteer organization that has been hosting bi-weekly clean-ups of the Hillcrest business area and east to the Georgia Street Bridge. Please bring a friend, gloves and wear sunscreen.



DISTRICT THREE

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MONTHLY DISTRICT THREE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Balboa Park Committee

Santa Fe Room of the Balboa Park Club (Off Presidents Way west of Park Blvd.)
Meets the first Thursday of the month, 6:30pm
Contact: Darlene Davies, Chair: ddavies@mail.sdsu.edu

City Heights Area Planning Committee

Metro Career Center, Community Room, 3910 University Avenue
Meets the first Monday of the month, 6:30pm
Contact: Michael Sprague, Chair, 619/255-7902.

Greater Golden Hill Planning Committee (GGHPC)

Balboa Golf Course Clubhouse, Golden Hill
Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm
Contact: Patricia Shields, Chair, (619) 295-1374.

Greater North Park Community Planning Committee

North Park Christian Fellowship, Second Floor, 2901 North Park Way
Meets the third Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm.
Contact: Vicki Granowitz, Chair, (619) 584-1203, or vdgwrl@aol.com

Kensington/Talmadge Planning Group

Kensington Community Church, 4773 Marlborough Drive
Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm.
Contact: Fred Lindahl, Chair, 619/287-3157.

Normal Heights Community Planning Group

4649 Hawley Boulevard
Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 6:00pm
Contact: Judy Elliot, Chair, 619/563-5473.

Uptown Planners

Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Ave. in the Uptown District
Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm
Contact: Leo Wilson, Chair, 619/574-0109.

MONTHLY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Adams Avenue Business Association

4649 Hawley Boulevard
Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 7:30am
Contact: 619/282-7329

City Heights Business Association

Board meetings: second Wednesday of every month at 8am
at the Metro Career Center Community Room,
3910 University Avenue.
Phone: 619/516-2282

El Cajon Blvd. Business Improvement Association

3727 El Cajon Boulevard
Meets the second Thursday of the month, 11:30am
Contact: 619/283-3608

Hillcrest Association

Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Ave. in
the Uptown District
Meets the second Tuesday of the month, 5:00pm
Contact: 619/299-3330.

North Park Main Street

3076 University Avenue
Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 7:00am
Contact: 619/294-2501

MONTHLY REDEVELOPMENT MEETINGS

City Heights Project Area Committee

Metro Career Center, Community Room, 3910 University Ave.
Meets the second Monday of the month, 6pm
Contact: Karen Bucey, Chair, 619/957-5818.

North Park Project Area Committee

California Nat'l Bank, 3180 University Ave., 2nd Floor
Meets the second Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm
Contact: Roger Lewis, Chair, at 619/881-8977
or the city staff member at 619/533-5284.

DISTRICT THREE STAFF

Denise Price, Chief of Staff.

Dale Kelly Bankhead, Communications Director; LGBT community liaison; HIV/AIDS issues; special orders of business.

April Chesebro, Council Representative to Kensington, Talmadge, South Park, Golden Hill and University Heights; African-American community liaison; homeless and senior issues.

Daisy Gordon Crompton, Committee Consultant to the Committee on Budget and Finance; housing issues.

Stephen Hill, Policy Advisor/Council Representative to Metropolitan Transit System, SANDAG transportation, environment, libraries, arts and culture, land use citywide; MSCP, Transit Occupancy Tax, water issues, military/veterans issues; Council docket coordinator.

Pam Ison, Council Representative to City Heights; liaison to Asian/Pacific Islander community; City Heights redevelopment; SANDAG regional housing; school liaison and education issues; women's, youth, health and Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) issues; Chargers/Qualcomm Stadium; Community Development Block Grants; newsletter; webpage.

Cheli Mohamed, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Atkins and Chief of Staff Denise Price.

Monica Pelaez, Council Representative to North Park and Normal Heights; liaison to the Latino community; Police Department liaison and public safety issues; Fire and Life Safety Services liaison.

Jeffery Tom, Council Representative to Balboa Park, Uptown and Hillcrest; infrastructure, citywide business issues, energy, telecommunications, BID Council.

District Three Community/ Neighborhood Meetings

City Heights

Azalea Park Neighborhood Association: Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 2596 Violet Street at 6:30pm. Contact: info@azaleapark.org.

Cherokee Point Neighborhood Association: Meets the fourth Wednesday at 6:30pm, Cherokee Point Elementary School, 3735 38th Street. Contact: 619/285-1611.

City Heights Community Development Corporation: Meets the second Thursday of each month at 6pm at 4283 El Cajon Boulevard. 619/584-1535.

Fairmount Park Neighborhood Association: Meets the third Thursday of the month at 3850 Westgate Place at 6:30pm. Contact: FairmountPark92105@yahoo.com.

Mid-City Rotary Club: Meets every Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm at the Pearson Ford Regional Transportation Center, 4001 El Cajon Blvd. For more information contact Everardo Aguilar at Everardo.Aguilar@sdcounty.ca.gov

South Castle Neighborhood Association: Meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm at the Buddhist Temple, 3322 Central Avenue. For more information, contact Laurie Carlock at (619) 284-3118.

Swan Canyon: Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 3120 Euclid Avenue at 6:30 p.m. Contact Becky at rebecca@bairfinancial.com.

Teralta West Neighborhood Alliance: Meets every first and third Thursday of the month at 4286 Marlborough Street at 6:30pm. Contact: 619/281-3551.

Golden Hill

Greater Golden Hill Community Development Corporation (GGHCDC): Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 6:30pm at the Balboa Park Golf Course Clubhouse. Contact: 619/696-9992.

Kensington

The Kensington/Talmadge Community Association: Meets every third Wednesday at the Kensington Community Church, 4773 Marlborough Drive, beginning at 7pm. (dinner for a reasonable price is served prior)

Normal Heights

Normal Heights Cultural Council: Meets the third Thursday of each month from 6:00pm-7:30pm at 4649 Hawley Boulevard.

North Park

Altadena Neighborhood Association: Board meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at Santos Coffee at Thorn and 32nd streets. Contact: 619/280-6662.

Burlingame Neighborhood Association: Meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm at different locations each month. Contact: dbyrne4bna@cox.net.

North Park Community Association: Meets the fourth Thursday of each month at North Park Recreation Center, 4044 Idaho Street. Contact: info@northparksd.org

South Park

The South Park Action Council: Meetings are held quarterly. For information or future meeting dates, e-mail Co-Chairs: Samantha Keenan at samkeen@cox.net or Connie McDonough at conniemcdonough@cox.net.

Talmadge

The Kensington/Talmadge Community Association (see Kensington)

The Talmadge Community Council (TCC): Meets every third Tuesday at 4725 Lucille Drive beginning at 6:30pm.

University Heights

The University Heights Community Development Corporation (CDC): Meets on the first Wednesday of the month at the CDC office located at 4452 Park Blvd, Suite 104, at 6:30pm.

The University Heights Crime Watch and Neighborhood Association: Meets on the first Thursday of the month at Alice Birney School Auditorium, 4345 Campus Avenue. Crime Watch at 6:30pm; UHNA at 7:00pm.

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